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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF PRG AND VARIOUS NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AT FEBRUARY 1974 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
THE LAW OF WAR

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1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL, EMBOFF
FEBRUARY 12 RAISED MATTER OF PRG AND AFRICAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENT ATTENDANCE AT FEBRUARY 20 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
LAW OF WAR WITH JUVENAL CASTRELLON, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT
OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CONFERENCES AND TREATY
AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.

2. CASTRELLON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTATION
AND INDICATED GOP POSITION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS
PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN HIS OFFICE. WHILE PREVIOUSLY
UNAWARE THAT PRG AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT ATTENDANCE
ISSUE HAD ARISEN, CASTRELLON STATED HE WOULD DISCUSS IT
WITHIN THE MINISTRY AND WOULD EXPECT GOP POSITION TO
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BE CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF USG. PANAMA, HE SAID, SUP-

PORTS OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE AND ALSO WISHES TO AVOID
POLITICAL ISSUES THAT COULD DELAY ITS WORK.

3. CASTRELLON STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT US DELEGATION
IN GENEVA CONTACT PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR ESPINO AND MAKE
SIMILAR DEMARCHE DIRECTLY TO HIM. IN SO RECOMMENDING,
CASTRELLON WAS CONSCIOUS OF THE TIME FACTOR AND THE FACT,
WHICH HE OFTEN REFLECTS, THAT PANAMANIAN REPRESENTA-
TIVES AT SUCH GATHERINGS OFTEN HAVE THE INITIATIVE RATHER
THAN THE MINISTRY.
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